

AMENDED CLAIMS

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original claims 1 amended)]

CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A delivery pipe comprising:
an outer pipe having a longitudinal direction;
an inner pipe extending in the longitudinal direction of the outer pipe; and
a noise emission decreasing device,
wherein the outer pipe is connected to a plurality of fuel injectors of a multi-cylinder internal combustion engine,
the inner pipe being disposed in the outer pipe and having at least one longitudinal open end through which an interior of the inner pipe communicates with atmosphere,
the noise emission decreasing device being adapted to act so as to decrease a noise emitted from the inner pipe.
2. A delivery pipe according to claim 1, wherein the noise emission decreasing device includes a mesh.
3. A delivery pipe according to claim 1, wherein the noise emission decreasing device includes a porous member.
4. A delivery pipe according to claim 1, wherein the noise emission decreasing device includes a vibration suppressing member provided to the inner pipe.
5. A delivery pipe according to claim 1, wherein the noise emission decreasing device includes an elastic tube fitted into the inner pipe.
6. A delivery pipe according to claim 1, wherein the noise emission decreasing

Brief Statement

Amended Claim 1 clarifies the inner pipe having at least one longitudinal open end through which an interior of the inner pipe communicates with atmosphere.

By the above amendment, as described in paragraph 2.3 of Separate Sheet of Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, “a delivery pipe having at least one longitudinal end (31) of the inner pipe (3) open so that the interior of the inner pipe (30) communicates with the atmosphere through the open end (31) (see page 8, last paragraph)” could be clarified in Claim 1, so that the amended Claim 1 is not considered as obvious.

Further, the amended Claim 1 precisely defines an outer pipe having a longitudinal direction and an inner pipe extending in the longitudinal direction of the outer pipe.

By the above amendment, as described in paragraph 2.3 of Separate Sheet of Written Opinion, the independent claim can be clarified by precisely defining the arrangement of the inner and outer pipes in cooperation with the original description of the “inner pipe being disposed in the outer pipe” of Claim 1.